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Dear Dr. Henney:


The World Health Organization called for a ban on using antibiotics to fatten livestock in 1997. Since then, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Public Health Association and other public health organizations have taken similar positions. The European Union heeded these concerns last year when it banned adding human-use antibiotics to animal feed.

Previous efforts to ban antibiotics as feed additives to fatten livestock have failed because of the opposition of the livestock industry and drug manufacturers.

This is to urge you to to ban antibiotics as livestock growth promoters.

Please let us know what action you intend to take on this matter.

Sincerely,



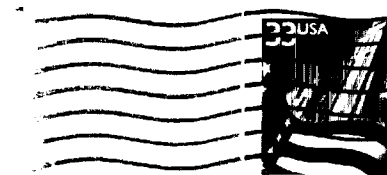
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